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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Masato ARAI, et al.

Application No.: 09/816,625

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For: ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM

Examiner: Jean B. Fleurantin

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Response to Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 22, 2004, counsel for Assignee elects to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-9 and 20, without traverse.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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